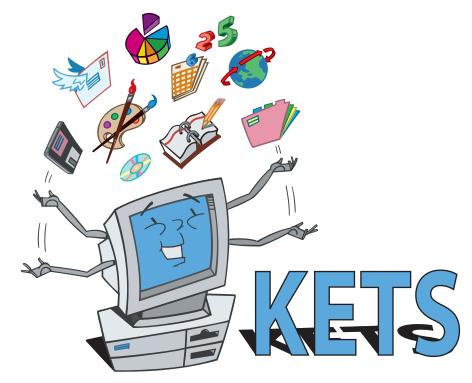# KETS Operational Standards:

The state (KETS) has set standards for the purchase of equipment by local school districts. This has been done to ensure that all districts in Kentucky get as much purchasing power as possible AND that all equipment is compatible with the state network. Each school in your district receives advice from KETS stating required standards. These requirements include general guidelines: for instance, there should be 1 computer for each 6 students (based on the school's population), at least one computer and printer for EACH classroom, a teacher workstation, certain network requirements, etc.

Your district also keeps a current inventory of its technology purchases and can tell if there are UNMET needs--which are minimum KETS requirements. Sometimes state funding is available to help make purchases to meet minimum guidelines.

- The KETS system has contracts with a great many vendors so that prices for the smallest rural school will be the same as for the largest metropolitan district. In other words, KETS can purchase more for less money (due to the volume negotiated by a state contract).
- In order to be eligible for KETS money, your district is required to have a clearly defined technology plan. This technology plan is revised yearly to keep quality high (technology is always changing …for instance, a fast computer three years ago, may not be an equally good buy this year).
- KETS contract items are not the only equipment available to schools. The hardware purchases that your local district makes, (not on KETS contracts) are still guided by state requirements to ensure compatibility with the entire system.
- KETS Phase I funding provides equity for all Kentucky school districts. These funds are used to purchase hardware, software, networking components, professional development and assistive technology. When Phase I is completed in a district, Phase II funds can be used for professional development, updating hardware, software, and a variety of other technology needs. In other words, Phase I funds are used for the wires and computers (the infrastructure) and Phase II funds are used to maintain and update the system, and to improve teaching and learning.

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